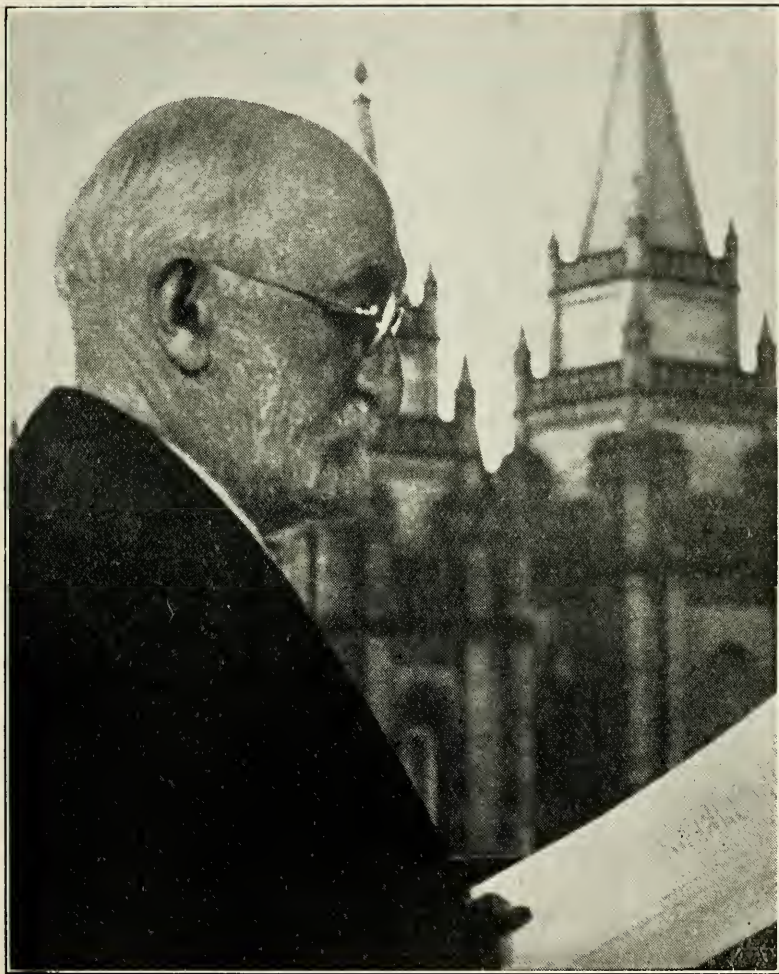


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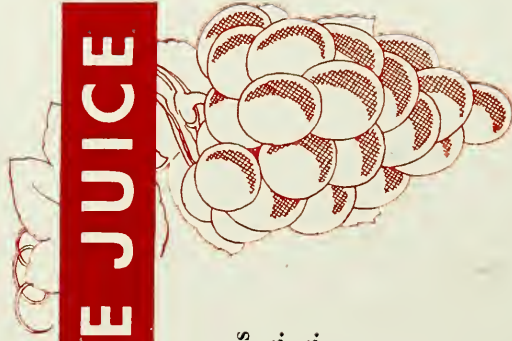
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*"Thou shalt not be idle; for he that is idle shall not eat the bread nor wear the garments of the labourer."*—*Doctrine and Covenants 42: 42*

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### THIS WEEK'S COVER—

An unusual view of President Heber J. Grant, taken from the current *March of Time* film dealing with the Church Security Programme is presented on the cover of this week's *Star*. It forms the closing scene of this outstanding picture now showing in cinema houses over the country. Providing an appropriate and striking background are the spires of the Salt Lake Temple.



—From the *March of Time*.

General Authorities and Security Programme Officials

## THE MARCH OF TIME

By ELDER PARRY D. SORENSEN

"Mormons—Salt Lake City" is the title of a new *March of Time* presentation now being featured in cinemas throughout the British Isles. Released less than a week ago, it will be shown at more than thirteen hundred film houses in Britain within the next few weeks. The film tells in brief some of the history of the Church and the story of the Church Security Programme, launched shortly over a year ago for the purpose of making all Church members self-supporting.

Last December, *Time's* skilful crew of newsreel men spent almost two weeks in Utah, securing an authentic film story of the Security Plan, a subject that has attracted world-wide attention since it was inaugurated. The finished product is an enlightening, informative, and entertaining picture dealing with Church history, leaders, and the projects of the Security Plan. It includes close-up pictures of the First Presidency, Presiding Bishopric, President Ruderger Clawson, of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, and Elder Melvin J. Ballard, chairman of the General Committee. Most of the General Authorities, as well as members of the General Committee are also pictured.

Church buildings, monuments and landmarks, such as the Temple, Tabernacle, the Joseph Smith monument, Brigham Young's grave, and Temple Square are featured in the film. Other striking "shots" show Great Salt Lake, street scenes in Salt Lake City, and the Security Programme in operation. Another interesting sequence portrays the Tabernacle Choir singing a Church hymn.

A copy of the film will remain permanently in possession of the Church. Here is the complete story, as *Time's* editors tell it to the world—a story of the Mormon way of doing things:

(Narration.)

*Voice of Time:* In the western vastness of the United States is a region strangely like the Holy Land—the State of Utah. Utah's Dead Sea is the Great Salt Lake. Like the mountains of Judea are her purple hills. To three-quarters of a million people throughout the United States, Utah is a Holy Land. For here, in Salt Lake City—beside a river called Jordan—rise the spires of a new Jerusalem—the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—the Mormon Church.

Governing the Mormon Church, with the aid of Twelve Apostles and a Council of Wise men, is the venerable Mormon Pontiff, eighty year old Heber Jeddy Grant.

*President Grant:* Individual aggressiveness, thrift, industry, and independence have built our Church.

*Voice of Time:* Best-known Mormon institution is the three-hundred voice Tabernacle Choir.

(Choir Sings.)

*Voice of Time:* Fundamental doctrine of the Mormon faith is that every member shall be self-supporting and, by paying one-tenth of all he earns as a tithe to the Church, prove his own deymoutness and make the Church itself independent. With its funds shrewdly invested in gilt-edge securities, with its ablest advisers guiding Zion enterprises in wide fields of business and finance, the Mormon Church to-day is financially strong, its members the wealthiest churchgoers in the world.

Foundation of this Christian religion is the Book of Mormon

—regarded as a supplement to the Bible. Enshrined on the Temple spire is the Angel Moroni, who, a century ago, the pious believe, revealed the Book of Mormon, inscribed on golden plates, to a New York farm boy, Joseph Smith—founder of the faith—originator of Mormon polygamy, a practice abandoned forty years ago.

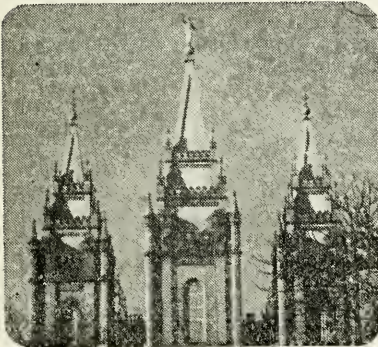
Smith's successor, Brigham Young, led the early Mormons to Utah, and lies buried near the Church.

Preserved nearby is Utah's first house, and around the Temple is an old wall built by the Church in the depression



**Joseph Smith Monument**

*Founder of the Faith . . ."*



**The Salt Lake Temple**

*"Enshrined on the Temple spire is the Angel Moroni . . ."*

of 1853, to make work for unemployed Mormons.

As depression stalked the land, Heber Grant and his advisers found that one-sixth of all United States Mormons were idle and on relief. In Salt Lake City, Mormon leaders discuss ways to end the idleness they believe is sinful.

*President Grant:* We must find a way to help our unemployed people to help themselves.

*Voice of Time:* Soon adopted by the Church is an ambitious ecclesiastical relief plan. Thousands of Mormon men, taken from State and Federal relief rolls, are put to work raising food.

Opened in Mormon wards or parishes are Mormon stores where workers are paid, not in cash, but with all the food, medicine, and fuel needed by their families. To care for Mormon women taken off relief, Church workshops are opened, where new garments are made by thousands, and old clothing is repaired. With the first crops harvested and stored, other Mormon women, working by hand to create more jobs, can

and preserve half a million quarts of food. Through the Church's work 20,000 Mormons are taken off Government relief.

News of the Mormon success arouses nationwide interest, evokes comment from such prominent Churchmen as Catholic Editor Father John La Farge.

*La Farge:* I think it's excellent. I think it would be a wonderful thing if all the churches were in a position

to take care of their own unemployed, materially as well as spiritually.

*Voice of Time:* At relief homes, Mormon officials call again and again, offering in return for work an adequate living.

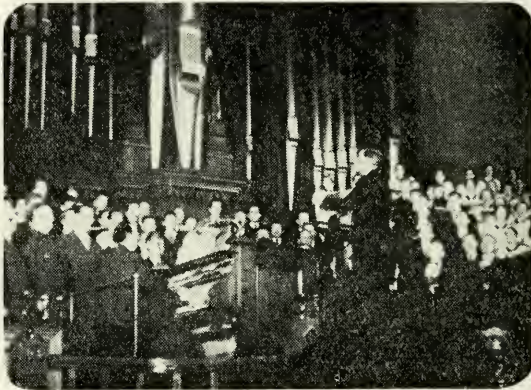
*Man:* I'd rather get my Government check, that's money, and I can do what I want with it.

*Voice of Time:* At Church headquarters, high-ranking Mormon official, J. Reuben Clark, Jr., is thoroughly aroused.

*President Clark:* The problem of the indifference and unwillingness of men to work is vastly more far-reaching than membership of any church. Our free institutions cannot live if we shall try to support great groups of men in idleness.

*Voice of Time:* And to-day, with one hundred new employment projects under way, the Mormon Church faces a problem as vexing to them as it is to Federal Relief Administrators.

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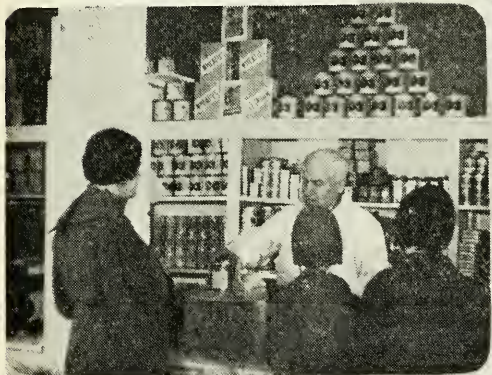


Tabernacle Choir and Organ

*"Best known Mormon institution is the three hundred voice Choir."*



Church Officials in charge of the Security Programme: Upper left, President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., and New York Stake officers; upper right, President Rudger Clawson, of the Council of the Twelve, President Heber J. Grant and President David O. McKay; right, Elder Melvin J. Ballard, of the Council of the Twelve, Bishop John Wells, Bishop David A. Smith and Presiding Bishop Sylvester Q. Cannon.



How the Security Programme is working: left, a scene in one of the stores opened and operating under the Programme where wages are paid in household requirements; lower left, women workers canning fruit; lower right, one of the building projects instituted by the Programme.

(Photographic layout by Elder A. Z. Richards, Jr.)



## THE CASE AGAINST TOBACCO

By ELDER R. VERNE McCULLOUGH

**"A CIGARETTE** is a roll of filth wrapped up in a paper, with a spark at one end and a fool at the other," thus declared a client of mine whose addiction to the cigarette habit has left him a nervous and physical wreck.

Many of my friends attack my business wisdom in making public utterance against the use of this narcotic. Diplomacy has its place, but certainly it is about time someone had the fortitude to stand up and let the boys and girls know the real facts about this insidious cigarette habit. I have asked thousands of my friends who are cigarette smokers about the

### Presenting The Facts

In forceful, vigorous style, and backed with medical and scientific facts and figures, this article by



Elder McCullough is one which will cause any thoughtful person to reflect and see for himself the numerous arguments against the tobacco habit. The author is a prominent Salt Lake City attorney and busi-

ness man, vitally interested in the welfare of the young people. The article is adapted from a radio address delivered in connection with a campaign against smoking, now being waged by the Youth Education Association.

feasibility of continuing this pernicious habit. Every one has expressed his unqualified desire to stop smoking as he realizes nothing but harm comes from it.

I honestly and sincerely ask the cigarette smokers to send me one honest reason why any boy or girl should become an addict of the cigarette habit. I have been asking this question for the past quarter of a century and have yet to receive a satisfactory answer.

I am particularly interested in the youth of the world. I ask the boys and girls whose parents have become addicted to the cigarette habit to light a cigarette

from their mother or father's package. Take a large inhalation of smoke and blow it through a clean white handkerchief held close to your mouth. Then examine the handkerchief and see the filthy nicotine precipitate left on the handkerchief. Then ask father or mother what condition their lungs and respiratory tract must be in after years of cigarette smoking. Do you want your body to be a scavenger wagon for such poisonous filth?

Prussic acid is considered to be the deadliest of all poisons. Nicotine almost approaches it and often acts as rapidly.

It takes about one-sixth of a drop of nicotine to kill a cat or a rabbit. From one-half to two drops placed upon the tongue of a dog will kill it almost instantly. A drop placed even on the eye of a sparrow or a white rabbit will kill the creature at once. According to one authority, the amount required to kill a good stout horse is eight drops, and the



action takes place in four minutes. In a single ordinary cigarette, there is enough nicotine (if it were extracted and injected internally) to kill one full-grown man.

Of course every man and woman knows, though but in a hazy way, about the deadly effects of nicotine. But the usual attitude of the smoker is this, "All very well. But there are millions of pounds of tobacco smoked every year, by hundreds of millions of people. I never saw anyone keel over from it. It may be true, if I took it pure, that a drop or two would kill me. But then I don't take it pure. Only an insignificant amount gets inside of me. Nothing seems to happen so far as I can tell. So why worry?"

It is obvious that the total amount of nicotine, in a single cigarette, cigar or pipeful of tobacco, is not absorbed into the system of the smoker. If it were, nobody would live to smoke more than once. Only a very small amount enters the system with each smoke—too little to kill. But, it must be

remembered, some does. How much enters—and what is its effect?

The average percentage of nicotine in a cigarette tobacco varies between two and three per cent. Fortunately for cigarette smokers, nicotine will burn as other ingredients of tobacco will burn. Chemical investigators state that from 25 to 75 per cent of the nicotine in the tobacco passes into smoke which is drawn



**This Ash Tray Carries its Own Warning**

into the lungs and the respiratory tract of the smokers. The nicotine comes into the mouth in smoke; there is an immense surface of mucous membrane in the nose, mouth, lungs and air passages, an area of from 800 to 2,000 square feet. Every three minutes the entire blood in the body is spread over this area, and the blood absorbs the nicotine from the smoke. The blood passes through the liver and that faithful organ detoxicates as much of the nicotine collected as it can. Were it not for your liver, nicotine would kill you in short order. The real business of the liver is to help digest food. When it must devote a large part of its energies in destroying nicotine, it cannot properly hold up its end in the work of digestion.

A wide spread advertising campaign is now under way that actually features cigarettes as an aid to digestion. What quackery! One of the most harmful effects of cigarette smoking is upon the digestive organs, particularly upon the alimentary canal. Careful X-ray experiments, carried on with

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## THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR

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THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1937

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### EDITORIAL

#### RELIGION FOR THIS WORLD

Religion used to be something that took hold of the common daily life of man. It used to be the most important of all human interests. Go back toward the dawn of human civilization in Egypt, Greece, Rome, to the old Aryans in India or to the German forefathers, and you will find that religion covered and laid its hand upon every department and every phase of human thought, feeling and activity. It was the guide of life; it was the solver of life's problems. It helped men, or they supposed it did, in the midst of the hard battle for existence, and on it they placed all hopes for future good.

Modern man has a changed conception of God and of religion; but unless religion is to lose its power over men it must become again the controlling factor in their lives. According to the modern conception of God the field for the exercise of religion is right here.

This religion comes to the individual, lays its hand upon him and whispers in his ear the word duty. It admonishes him to study and obey the laws of God so far as they concern man's individual life, until the ideal humanity is reached. It comes and knocks at the door of every household, and utters its command of duty to the family, that, in the light of human experience, of the best knowledge that we can attain, we order our social relations so that they shall tend to purify and beautify the world.

This modern conception of religion comes to the office of every business man, and utters its command; and what is it? Be honest, fair, and just in the transaction of your business, so that the persons you deal with shall be helped and not hurt by it. Make business a part of the religious elevation of the world. Conceive of business as answering a human need and bring it into accord with the divine life of things.

Modern religion comes to politics, and what does it say there? It says, order your political affairs, so far as they bear on the citizen, in such a way that justice and right shall be subserved, in such a way that human well-being shall be reached, not that one individual or class shall be lifted up at the expense of treading down another, but that humanity shall be made happier and better.

Religion comes to every manufacturer, to the employers of labour, to the payer of wages. What does it say to them?

Regulate all these affairs of life, manage the mighty power of your capital, not to crush out the hearts and lives of those who work for you, but to treat them as men, so that there shall be justice and fairness in all relations between employer and employee. And religion says to the labourer: Be just, be faithful, be fair to your employer, to your fellow-labourers; to all men. Do good work, honest work. Better your own condition in such a way that the condition of your fellows shall be bettered at the same time.

The sphere of religion in the modern world is here—in every city and in every village of the world. It is no longer in ancient Jerusalem, no longer by the pool of Bethesda, no longer by the lake of Galilee. According to the modern conception of God he is in the world to-day as intimately as he has ever been. Feel your pulse and you feel the throb of the infinite life. Look into the eyes of a loved one and you see a spark of the infinite intelligence, a thrill of the divine love. Every activity of man in the physical universe is dealing first-hand with the vital life and power of the divine.

Every truth that has ever shown out of the heavens or sprung out of the earth; every truth that has ever come through the brain or heart of man in any age, in any part of the world, under any name—is a revelation of this infinite divine life. In God we live and move and have our being and the good of the world depends upon the relation in which we stand to Him, here and now. The daily life of man, in contact with his fellows in the work of life, is the place for the exercise of true religion.—*Deseret News* EDITORIAL

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### A WORTHWHILE FILM—

Millions of people throughout the country will, in the next few weeks, see and hear a novel story of Mormonism on the cinema screen. In the whole of the British Isles, there are some thirteen hundred cinema houses that regularly show the *March of Time* programmes each month.

The *March of Time* is not a newsreel to be associated in the same category with the popular short reports of current news happenings. Rather, it is a carefully photographed and edited film of about twenty minutes in length, which depicts in clear, concise form, the most significant news events and trends of the present day. Only three are chosen each month.

That the Church Security Programme should be singled out as being important enough to be included as one of these subjects bespeaks volumes for its significance and the attention it is attracting throughout the civilized world. Millions of people in all parts of the English-speaking world and in many foreign countries will gain a newer insight into the Church and its teachings, practices and ideals through this presentation.

In closing, may we offer a word of thanks to the *March of Time* officials in London, who have been most helpful and courteous in supplying information and pictures used on other pages of this issue.—PARRY D. SORENSEN

## A DAY WITH THE PROPHET

*By President Wilford Woodruff*

*Last week's instalment told of Elder Woodruff's mission among his father's family and of their conversion at Farmington, Connecticut. After one more visit to the Fox Islands he returned to the west with a company of fifty Saints. Although they had planned their journey to Missouri, a severe winter stopped them in Illinois. In the spring, however, he, with other brethren, went to Missouri, where he witnessed the persecution and affliction of his people. He was ordained an Apostle and returned to Illinois to prepare for his mission to Britain. He found many of the Saints, having been driven from Ohio and Missouri, settled at Commerce, Illinois, which later became Nauvoo. Here Elder Woodruff moved his family into a small temporary abode near the river.*

### CHAPTER XII.

#### of LEAVES FROM MY JOURNAL

**W**HILE I was living in this cabin we experienced a day of God's power with the Prophet Joseph Smith. It was a very sickly time and Joseph had given up his home in Commerce, Illinois, to the sick, and had a tent pitched in his door-yard where he was living himself. The large number of Saints who had been driven out of Missouri, were flocking into Commerce; but had no homes to go into, and were living in wagons, in tents, and on the ground. Many, therefore, were sick through the exposure they were subjected to. Brother Joseph had waited on the sick, until he was worn out and nearly sick himself.

On the morning of the 22nd of July, 1839, he arose, reflecting upon the situation of the Saints of God in their persecutions and afflictions, and he called upon the Lord in prayer, and the power of God rested upon him mightily, and as Jesus healed all the sick around Him in His day, so Joseph, the Prophet of God, healed all around on this occasion. He healed all in his house and door-yard, then, in company with Sidney Rigdon and several of the Twelve, he went through among the sick lying on the bank of the river, and he commanded them in a loud voice, in the name of Jesus Christ, to come up and be made whole, and they were all healed. When he healed all that were sick on the east side of the river, he crossed the Mississippi river in a ferry-boat to the west side, to Montrose, where we were. The first house they went into was President Brigham Young's. He was sick on his bed at the time. The Prophet went into his house and healed him, and they all came out together. As they were passing by my door, Brother Joseph said: "Brother Woodruff, follow me." These were the only words spoken by any of the company from the time they left Brother Brigham's house till we crossed the public square, and entered Brother Fordham's house. Brother Fordham had been dying for an hour, and we expected each minute would be his last.

I felt the power of God that was overwhelming His Prophet. When we entered the house, Brother Joseph walked up to Brother Fordham, and took him by the right hand. He saw that Brother Fordham's eyes were glazed, and that he was speechless and unconscious. After taking hold of his hand, he looked down into the dying man's face and said: "Brother Fordham, do you not know me?" At first he made no reply; but we could all see the effect of the Spirit of God resting upon him.

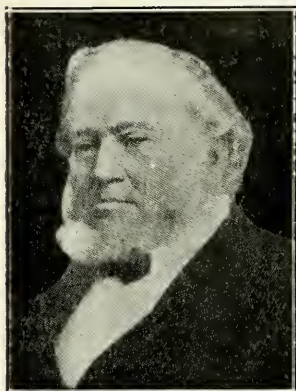
He again said: "Elijah, do you not know me?" With a low whisper, Brother Fordham answered, "Yes!" The Prophet then said, "Have you not faith to be healed?" The answer, which was a little plainer than before, was: "I am afraid it is too late. If you had come sooner, I think it might have been."

He had the appearance of a man waking from sleep. It was the sleep of death.

Joseph then said: "Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ?"

"I do, Brother Joseph," was the response.

Then the Prophet of God spoke with a loud voice: "Elijah, I command you, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, to arise and be made whole!" The words of the Prophet were not like the words of man, but like the voice of God. It seemed to me that the house shook from its foundation. Elijah Fordham leaped from his bed like a man raised from the dead. A healthy colour came to his face, and life was manifested in every act. His feet were done up in Indian poultices. He kicked them off his feet, scattered the contents, and then called for his clothes and put them on. He asked for a bowl of bread and milk, and ate it; then put on his hat and followed



**Brigham Young**

*He experienced the Prophet's mighty power.*

us into the street, to visit others who were sick.

The unbeliever may ask: "Was there not deception in this?" If in his mind there is any deception, there was certainly none with Elijah Fordham, the dying man, nor with those who were present with him, for in a few minutes more he would have been in the spirit world, had he not been rescued. Through the blessing of God, he lived until 1880.

We next went into the house of Joseph B. Noble, who was very low and dangerously sick. When we entered the house, Brother Joseph took him by the hand, and commanded him, in the name of Jesus Christ, to arise and be made whole. He did arise and was immediately healed.

This case of Brother Noble's was the last one of healing upon that day. It was the greatest day for the manifestation of the power of God through the gift of healing since the organization of the Church.

Upon leaving Brother Noble, we went with the Prophet

Joseph to the banks of the river, to return home. While waiting for the ferry-boat, a man of the world, knowing of the miracles which had been performed, came to him and asked him if he would not go and heal two twin children of his, about five months old, who were both lying sick nigh unto death. They were some two miles from Montrose.

The Prophet said that he could not go; but, after pausing some time, he said he would send some one to heal them; and he turned to me and said: "You go with the man and heal his children." He took a red silk handkerchief out of his pocket and gave it to me. He told me to wipe their faces with the handkerchief when I administered to them, and they should be healed. He also said unto me: "As long as you will keep this handkerchief, it shall remain a league between you and me." I went with the man, and the children were healed. I have possession of the handkerchief unto this day.

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## THE CASE AGAINST TOBACCO

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both smokers and non-smokers, show the nicotine at once causes the muscles of the alimentary canal to stop work; and that within fifteen minutes after you smoke a cigarette the normal automatic movements of the stomach stop. They remain stopped until about three minutes after the smoking has ceased, when they begin again. Instead of a cigarette aiding digestion, medical science has definitely proven cigarette smoking stops digestion. Heavy cigarette smokers are usually chronic dispeptics and in order to get relief from the distress incident to improper digestion, proceed to nicotinize their digestive organs by the use of as high as four and five cigarettes following a normal meal.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, of Battle Creek Sanatorium, in his book, *Tobaccoism*, has an illuminating paragraph:

After some use of the drug the body ceases to remonstrate by acute and distressing symptoms, but the mischievous effects continue, steadily, insidiously, destroying the fine machinery of the body, until the heart, blood vessels, liver, kidney and other vital organs are so badly damaged that the vital functions can no longer proceed in a regular and normal fashion and then a medical examination reveals the fact, not that the subject has begun to suffer from nicotine poison, but that his body has been ruined by it. Every cell of the body, every tissue and every fibre, has been damaged. The vital reserve has been exhausted, the defences of the body have been broken down and the living machine is irreparably injured. It may be possible to patch it up sufficiently to keep it going for a few years, but a large share of its working capacity, its efficiency, has been used up in carrying unnatural and unnecessary burdens and cannot be replaced.

Nicotine is one hundred per cent useless and one hundred per cent harmful. Why do thinking men and women sit idly by and permit the health and happiness of the boys and girls of the world to be undermined by the insidious inroads of tobacco?

# THE STORY OF A LITTLE SEED

## ANOTHER MODERN PARABLE

By ELDER A. Z. RICHARDS, JR.

ONE of the outstanding doctrines taught by the Latter-day Saints is that of the resurrection. They believe that like the kernel of wheat which is put into the earth to die and to bring forth its fruit, so Jesus died, was buried, and rose on the third day to make our eternal progress possible. As a result of the atonement and resurrection of our Saviour, millions of souls will live again. The scriptures tell us that this resurrection shall come to all, both old and young, both bond and free, both male and female, both the wicked and the righteous; and even there shall not so much as a hair of their heads be lost; and they shall be brought and arraigned before God to be judged according to their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil.



There at one time lived a woman in Germany, a Countess of Hanover. She did not believe in the Bible; in the resurrection. Before she died she gave orders that her grave should be covered with granite slabs and fastened with great iron chains. She was going to make certain that she would not be resurrected. But a little seed fell into a crevice between the stones and began to grow. The little roots made their way among the slabs of granite. They grew and their expansion lifted the heavy stones apart. The iron chains rusted away and the grave was laid open as by a miracle. To-day, a large tree is growing in that very spot!

The seed of Christ which lay in the grave for three days will spring all of them open some day. It has that power, and the hand of man cannot stay it.

The Latter-day Saints base their entire philosophy of life on this hope that all shall live again after earthly death. The Gospel, which was lost soon after the deaths of the early Apostles, but was restored again, teaches them that men became mortal, exposed to sin, and subject to death because of the transgression of Adam when he partook of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. But it also proclaims that our Eternal Father foresaw the fall of Adam, a step which was necessary before men could come into a world where they could come in contact with and overcome the problems of mortality. And God, in His infinite love and mercy, foreseeing the fall of Adam and his great posterity, chose, before the foundations of the world were laid, His Beloved Son as a Redeemer for the world and as a ransom for all of its inhabitants. It was the atonement of Jesus Christ that makes possible the resurrection of all and the exaltation of those few who will abide by the principles of His Gospel.

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But, determined to make its own shirkers go back to work. Mormons are confident that they will soon overcome this newest problem, preserve the rugged vitality, which, in a single century, has transformed their struggling Pioneer band into a mighty Church—great, rich, and powerful.

Time Marches On!

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The *March of Time* is being shown until June 6th at the *Forum* in Southampton and *Futurist* in Birmingham. It is showing until Saturday, June 5th, at the following: *Paramount* (Tottenham Court Road), London; *Capitol*, Cardiff; *Westover*, Bournemouth; *Paramount*, Glasgow; *Kings* and *Whiteladies*, Bristol; *Paramount*, Liverpool; *Paramount*, Leeds; *Regal*, Torquay; *Paramount*, Manchester; and *Paramount*, Newcastle. A list of later bookings at theatres where the film will be shown after June 13th will appear in next week's issue of the *Star*.

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## THE YARDSTICK OF CHARACTER

The divine character of Jesus Christ is the most majestic thing that has been created in the crucible of sublime experience. By pure aspiration, exalting devotion, consecrated service, and heroic self-sacrifice, He wrought into His divine nature the beauty of purity, the nobility of sincerity, the majesty of meekness, the heroism of courage, and the divinity of love. This sublime moral and spiritual stature is the one perfect yardstick of character.—NEPHI JENSEN

## THE NEW M.I.A. THEME

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

"He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."

These verses from the 24th Psalm will be the theme of the Mutual Improvement Associations for the next year, and will be featured as part of the M.I.A. programme at the Centennial Conference in Preston and Rochdale July 30-31, August 1-2.

The new theme will be formally presented at the Centennial Conference, according to Mission M.I.A. officials. In attendance at Rochdale and Preston will be half of the general officers of the M.I.A., including President Joseph J. Cannon, recently appointed first assistant general superintendent of the Young Men's organization, and Sisters Lucy Grant Cannon and Clarissa A. Beesley, first and second assistant general superintendents, respectively, of the Y.W.M.I.A.

Meanwhile, those in charge of the Centennial Conference are in Rochdale this week, arranging lodgings for the hundreds expected to attend the conference there at August Bank holiday time. Announcement of rates and details for booking the lodgings will appear in next week's *Star*.



## NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**APPOINTMENT** of Elder Oscar A. Kirkham as a member of the official staff of the American contingent for the World Scout Jamboree to be held July 29th-August 13th, in Vogelenzang, Holland, was made recently by the national headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America. In the past three world jamborees, held in London, Birkenhead and Budapest, Elder Kirkham has been chief morale officer, and will probably have the same position at this year's jamboree. He is also a member of the staff in charge of the national jamboree to be held this summer in Washington, D.C.

**ONLY** surviving son of President Brigham Young, Elder Joseph Don Carlos Young was honoured by friends and relatives on the occasion of his eighty-second birthday. He was born May 6th, 1855, and for

fifty years was architect for the Church, designing the Church Office Building, the first buildings of Brigham Young University, and the finishing work for the Salt Lake Temple. Elder Young is the grandfather of Elder Seth H. Young, now labouring as a travelling missionary in Norwich District.

**INTERNATIONAL** atmosphere will be added to the June M.I.A. Conference to be held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle, June 11th-13th, by eleven Hawaiian members of the Church who will come across the Pacific to attend the conference. The group will include eight men and three women, who will present a programme of Hawaiian music and dances in native costume. There will also be special participation by members from Canada and Mexico who attend the conference.

## OF CURRENT INTEREST

**A DARKENED CAGE** of starlings was recently carried from a German village to Berlin to disprove one of the homing instinct theories that the bird memorizes the route, just as a person in a strange city keep track of all changes in direction while he is sightseeing. The cage was mounted on a phonograph disc and rotated during the entire journey of 93 miles. The birds returned home promptly. In Vienna, some pigeons were chloroformed during transport from their loft to the point of release. These birds returned successfully, though they could not possibly have registered changes in direction while unconscious.—Ernst Mayr in *Bird-Lore*

**STATISTICS** have just been issued by the Ministry of Interior at Shanghai putting the population of all China, including Manchuria, at 466,785,856, or 435,767,266 exclusive of Manchuria. Shanghai is the largest city, with a population of 3,485,998 inhabitants, and Nanking runs fifth with 1,019,148. Peiping is second, Tientsin third and Can-

ton is fourth. The average density for all China is only 149 inhabitants per square mile, although provinces such as Kiangsu have an average density of 837. It is interesting to compare with China's total population the world total, given by Whitaker as 1,997,000,000. China thus has one-quarter of the population of the world, with less than one-twentieth the total land surface, which gives some notion of why Chinese living standards are low to a degree almost incredible to the Western mind.

**IN POLAND**, children are collecting orange skins, a new hobby which brings them pocket money and is at the same time useful to the country. The skins are sent to a factory and a small price is realized. The rinds of oranges, and certain other fruits, contain valuable vegetable products used in manufactures, quantities of which have to be imported annually from abroad. Every skin collected in Poland, therefore, helps the national balance of trade.

## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### Transfers—

The following missionaries were transferred on Monday, May 31st: Elder Robert S. Stevens from the Millennial Chorus to the British Mission Office; Elders Glen H. Grimmitt and Frank A. Martin from the British Mission Office to the Millennial Chorus.

On Tuesday, June 1st, Elders Leonard L. Moffett and Theron L. Labrum were transferred from the Millennial Chorus to Birmingham and Welsh Districts, respectively.

### Release—

Elder Adrian W. Cannon, the son of President Joseph J. Cannon and Sister Ramona W. Cannon, who has laboured for the past two years in the British Mission, was honourably released on Monday, May 24th. He has laboured in London and Birmingham Districts and in the British Mission Office.

### Doing in the Districts—

**BIRMINGHAM**—At a special banquet held in Handsworth Branch Chapel, under the direction of Sister Alice Collins, recently, Elder Victor B. Hart was presented his Silver *Star* pin. Supervising Elder Karl F. Foster was presented with his Triple *Star* pin, and supper was served to more than fifty members and friends.

Arranged by Sparkbrook Branch Bee-Hive Girls was a social in the Branch hall Thursday, May 13th. Among those who received special invitations were the M Men and Boy Scouts. Sister Doris Adams, Bee-Keeper, conducted the games, and Sisters Margaret Adams, Lilian Wesson, Josephine Harman, and Mary Dyson presented a Coronation sketch. Refreshments were served, and nearly fifty people were in attendance. Sparkbrook became winner of the ping pong tournament, with Handsworth Branch, on Thursday, May 20th.

**MANCHESTER**—"Mother's Day" was observed by Rochdale Branch Sunday, May 9th, when a special programme was held in the Branch Chapel. Brother John Woodhead, Sunday School superintendent, was

in charge of the afternoon service. Several numbers were provided by the Sunday School children, and Sister Ivy Woodhead gave a reading. Flowers were distributed to the mothers. Brother George E. Dale presided at the evening meeting. Speakers were Brother William Barton of Bolton Branch, Sister Winnie Taylor of Oldham Branch, and Supervising Elder Vernon A. Cooley.

**LEEDS**—On Whit Monday, May 17th, Bradford Branch Sunday School held its annual Whitsuntide Children's outing at Northcliffe Playing Fields, Shipley. Sister Eleanor Metcalfe and Brother Allen Jennings were in charge of the refreshments and Brothers George Pitts and Charles Harrison conducted the sports and games.

Elders Alton D. Merrill and Arthur W. Jorgensen recently gave an illustrated lecture before fifty members of the Shelf Primitive Methodist Church. Elder Merrill also spoke before the congregation of the Clayton Baptist Church near Bradford. Under the direction of Supervising Elder John W. Boud the illustrated lecture "Landmarks of Church History" was given in the home of Brother Fred Laycock. Previous to the lecture, Sister Laycock provided a tea for the guests.

New Relief Society officers of Leeds Branch were announced and set apart for their new responsibilities on Monday, May 3rd. They are: Sisters Florence Butterfield, president; Sarah E. Laycock, second counsellor; Ivy Mence, secretary-treasurer; and Bertha M. Farrell, class leader. The retiring officers were given a hearty vote of thanks for their work.

**LONDON**—St. Albans, North London, and Southwest London M Men and Gleaner Girls represented their branches at the District honour day track and field meet on Whit Monday, May 17th. The meet was held at Tooting Bec Common, and at one period during the afternoon nearly 1,000 spectators were enjoying the sport events. Programme arrangements were made by the London District Presidency.

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